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Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
Group Art Unit 2613, Expedited Procedure

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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

YUKINORI YAMAMOTO

Appln. No.: 09/501,590

Filed: February 10, 2000

For: DECODING APPARATUS AND  
METHOD, AND STORAGE  
MEDIUM STORING DECODING  
PROCESSING PROGRAM OF  
THE SAME

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of April 25, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116:

The amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing beginning at page 2, and the remarks begin at page 7.

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